(c) by when this plant is likely to be

(d) whether Government have approved other projects for harnessing energy from sea waves; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHR1 K.ALP-NATH RAI): (a) As per the findings of the Techno-economic Feasibility Report prepared by the Central Electricity Authority, the Tidal Power Project in the Gulf of Kutch near Kandia is feasible. The i project envi-ages an installation of- 900 MW, comprising 36 units of 25 MW each.

(b) The project is expected to generate 1690 million units annually. The cost of generation has been estimated as 90 pai unit which is comparable with the conventional gas based and coal based 210 MW load centre located units.

(c) The project can be implemented after the investment decision and detailing of the design and construction feas-tures.

(d) Work to harness energy from sea waves, as distinct from tidal energy, is still at an experimental stage. The Deptt. of Ocean Development and the Deptt. of Non-conventional Energy Sources have sponsored experimental projects with a view to developing the technique for harnessing wave energy for generation of Powtr. '

Import of crystalline silicon technology

£3567. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that negotiations are going on for the collaborative venture involving a British Company for the supply of Cr; Btalline Silicon technology to India;

(b) if so, what are 'he detail,; in this regard, and

(c) whether it is a fact that some ernment undertakings have opopsed the import of this technology as this techno logy is available in India and if so. are the details in this regard and are the names of undertakings which have been consulted and have opposed for imports?

THE MTNISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) No import of crystalline silicon technology the manufacture of solar cells is in in the venture between an Indian Company and a British Company which considered recently by the Project A: val Board, Ministry of Industry.

(c) The views of all public sector units involved in the field are taken into account in such cases.

Separate port for import of polymers

£3568. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of polymers to meet their present requirements due to inadequate port facilities;

(b) if so, whether Government nrODOse to construct a separate port with modern facilities, on the Western Coast, for im- porting polymers; and

(c) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI *J.* VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) To handle petrochemicals raw material. Government is considering to set up the

†PreviousIy Unstarred Question 2826, transferred from the 18th August, 1988.

£Previously Unstarred Question 2559, transferred from the 17th August | 1988.